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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the
Examiner's attention.

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European Patent Application No. 0 878 174. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,068,656 is also enclosed.

European Patent Application No. 0 945 107.

International Publication No. WO 97/32543. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,217,608 is also enclosed.

International Publication No. WO 97/32544. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,183,506 is also enclosed.

International Publication No. WO 98/40035.

International Publication No. WO 99/02105.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

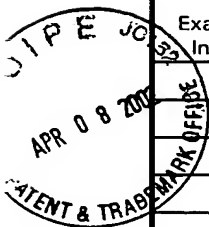
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